Council Member ____ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of ___.

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMBINED RESTROOM AND CONCESSION FACILITY AT VETERAN'S PARK

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-80

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain owns and operates Veteran's Park, a vital public recreation area that sustained severe flood damage during Tropical Storm Helene (DR-4827-NC); and

WHEREAS, the existing restroom and concession stand structures at Veteran's Park were substantially damaged by more than five feet of flood inundation, resulting in unsafe and noncompliant conditions; and

WHEREAS, both structures were located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and partially within the floodway, did not meet National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards, and are therefore ineligible for repair or replacement under FEMA Public Assistance (PA) rules; and

WHEREAS, the NC SMART Debris Program has approved demolition and debris removal of the damaged facilities, leaving the Town without restrooms or concessions at its primary community park; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to construct a new combined restroom and concession facility within Veteran's Park that will:

- Be located within the SFHA but fully comply with NFIP and local flood damage prevention ordinance requirements;
- Include elevated utilities, flood vents, and flood-resistant materials; and
- Be covered by flood insurance to ensure long-term resilience and risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, this project is not eligible for FEMA PA reimbursement and is therefore suitable for the North Carolina Capital Grant Program, which supports recovery and resilience projects not funded through other federal sources; and

WHEREAS, the planning-level cost estimate for engineering and construction of the new combined facility is $500,000, inclusive of site design, structural engineering, utilities, and compliance with accessibility standards; and

WHEREAS, replacement of these critical public facilities will restore essential recreational amenities, support youth sports programming, and promote safe, equitable park access for residents and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN THAT:

1. Town staff are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit an application to the appropriate state agency for Capital Grant Program funding in the amount of $500,000 to support the engineering and construction of a new combined restroom and concession facility at Veteran's Park.
2. The Town Manager, or their designee, is authorized to execute all necessary documents, certifications, and assurances to complete the application process.
3. The Town Manager is further authorized to coordinate with the Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Finance Department to prepare detailed design and budget documentation consistent with grant requirements and NFIP compliance.
4. Upon award, the Town Council will consider a budget amendment to appropriate grant funds and any required local match.

Adopted this the 1st day of November 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk